SUBJECT NO. 216.

Increase of pay, etc., to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Messrs. (1) K. S. Santhanam Iyengar, Closepet Municipality, and (2) B. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The pay of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be increased; and

(2) free-quarters may be provided for them.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 217.

Vaccination to be made compulsory in all the taluk headquarters.

Mr. Siddaramappa, Holalkere taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT NO. 218.

The Malnad Improvement Scheme.

Mr. Mir Mohamed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The cost of the scheme is excessive owing to the duplication of staff and though the chief need of the people is addition to their wealth, the Malnad Improvement Committee is doing nothing in this direction.

Another speaker prayed for the encouragement of construction of tiled houses and extension of the Malnad Scheme to the Sowlanga hobli of the Honnali taluk.

These suggestions were noted.

2. *Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao* urged that the Sakrepatna hobli of the Kadur taluk might also be brought under the scheme.

The Dewan promised consideration.

3. *Mr. Hosakoppa Krishna Rao* observed that poverty was the chief cause of decline in the Malnad and that an economic survey of the Malnad might be undertaken.

The Dewan observed that the difficulty was known, but the question was what was to be done.

4. Another member observed that the rate of interest charged might be reduced.

The Dewan said that the scheme of Land Banks was under consideration.

5. *Mr. H. Rangaswami* talking with particular reference to the Manjarabad taluk made the following observations:—

(i) The *Jeetaga* system or serfdom was very baneful in its effects and might be done away with.

(ii) Coffee estates attracted all labour and agricultural lands therefore lay fallow. Cattle pounds in coffee estates were administered to the great detriment of the people.

(iii) Invariably European or Eurasian Police Inspectors usually posted to Manjarabad lack sympathy with the local people. Indian Inspectors should be posted more largely.

Asked what connection this had to do with the Malnad Improvement Scheme, *Mr. Rangaswami* said that

security was a most important thing, as on it hinged everything, and this was a measure essential to security.

(iv) There were some baneful customs which might be investigated. He observed that the mortality was very heavy among particular classes which needed investigation.

He mentioned the instance of a particular village, *Kenchammana Hoskote*, which was once in a flourishing condition and now contained only 25 men and 60 women.

6. *Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao* observed that serfdom prevailed only among paddy cultivators and that unless a more lucrative occupation was created it would not disappear. As regards coffee estates, he said serfdom did not exist there but that on the contrary the planters paid high wages amounting to Rs. 7½ per man.

7. *Mr. Shroff Shama Rao* said that sickness was the cause of decline in the Malnad.

8. *Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya* said that

(i) The advance system was the cause of decline; and

(ii) Quinine distribution was very efficacious and might be undertaken on a larger scale.

9. *Mr. Vàmana Rao* observed that the system of consulting astrologers and sooth-sayers (ಕಣಿ ಕೇಳುವುದು) in preference to doctors was the cause of the decline and stated that the Taluk Conference held at Nagar had made certain recommendations.

10. *Mr. Nanje Gowda* was in favour of the scheme being retained.

11. *Mr. Anantha Kesavachar* wanted lands to be given to raiyats free.

12. *Mr. Chik Subba Rao* said that unless lantana extirpation was undertaken the whole of one hobli in Hunsur, namely Haranahalli, was in danger of becoming extinct.

The Dewan observed that this was a new question and would be noted.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Enquiries will be under-taken through the Committees.

SUBJECT No. 219.

Functions of the District Sanitary Officers.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga taluk, and Venkappaiah, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The District Sanitary Officers have at present no control over funds and direct execution of work. They may be entrusted with the execution of sanitary works, the budget allotment provided therefor being transferred to them or the post may be abolished.

Mr. Basaviah observed that as these officers were not trained in Engineering, there was no use in entrusting the execution of sanitary works to them.